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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO OAU MEETING ON MAYOTTE

REF: (A) ANTANANARIVO 1519; (B) PARIS 24786;
(C) ANTANANARIVO 1557

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE THAT YOU
ATTEND OAU MEETING ON MAYOTTE (REF A). WHILE THE FRENCH
HAVE EXPRESSED NO CONCRETE OBJECTIONS TO YOUR ATTENDING
THIS MEETING, WE DO NOT SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO GAIN FROM
BEING REPRESENTED AT SUCH A SESSION WHICH WILL LIKELY
EXCORIATE THE GOF AND CALL FOR THE LIBERATION OF MAYOTTE.
WE MADE IT CLEAR WHEN WE DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE THE COMORIAN
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REPUBLIC (CR) THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE SIDES IN ITS
TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH FRANCE; YOUR ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A
MEETING COULD LEAD THE CR TO BELIEVE THAT WE DID IN FACT
SUPPORT ITS CLAIMS. WE ALSO WANT TO AVOID GIVING THE CR
THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR RECENT OPENING OF RELATIONS
IMPLIES THAT WE INTEND TO TAKE A FAR STRONGER INTEREST IN
THE AFFAIRS OF THE CR THAN MIGHT BE THE CASE. VANCE

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